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WHEREAS, in 1845 Congress provided that future mail transportation contracts were to be awarded by the Postmaster General "to the lowest bidder, tendering sufficient guarantees for faithful performance, without other reference to the mode of such transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty, and security of such transportation"; and,

WHEREAS, that statute not only opened a colorful chapter in American postal service, but also set forth a bold new standard for the transportation of the mails: "Celerity, Certainty, and Security." Bids from private contractors under the 1845 law were soon marked on the books of the Post Office Department, with three stars, signifying the three points of that motto. Over time, the bids themselves became known as "star bids", and eventually the contract service for transporting the mail by all modes, except boats and railways, came to be known as "star route mail service"; and,

WHEREAS, since the inception of this service 126 years ago, star route carriers have performed an important task for the American people, transporting the mail over thousands of miles of roads where regular postal service was unavailable. In recent years, the star route carriers have also made an important contribution to rural America, often supplementing the efforts of the regular carriers; and,

WHEREAS, the 200 Star Route Mail Contractors of South Dakota have long been dedicated to the service of the citizens of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning August 6, 1971, as

NATIONAL STAR ROUTE MAIL CARRIERS WEEK

in the State of South Dakota, and I urge the Postal Service, and all interested groups and organizations, to observe that week with appropriate recognition to the Nation's star route mail carriers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 6th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

DATE MICROFILMED

CAMERA OPERATOR